



Don Owens Memorial Lodge 88, Fraternal Order of Police, Inc.

****Press Release****

FOP Lodge 88, representing the Members of the collective bargaining unit at the Bloomington Police Department, has been outspoken in our position against the City of Bloomington purchasing the Showers West building for use as a new police station for BPD.

The Bloomington City Council recently voted to make this purchase despite the concerns of the Union and our member officers, several Council Members, and the public. We are thankful for the robust debate that preceded this vote and to the Council Members who spoke in defense of our concerns. We look forward to working with the Council in the future on issues close to our member's needs.

Moving forward, the FOP hopes that the Council remains engaged in the process as BPD leadership works to make the best facility they can within the constraints, both logistical and financial, at the Showers West building. As the working design group is chosen, we hope that the Union will continue to have a role to represent the working needs of the officers. In addition, we would encourage the City Council to appoint a member observer from the Council, to ensure that the Council's own concerns are addressed and reported on in a timely manner to their body.

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